

JOHN GARBER
JURIST, IS
DEAD

One of Most Noted Attorneys
of California Dies at Ad-
vanced Age at Berkeley.

ONCE ON SUPREME
BENCH OF NEVADA

Engaged in Much Notable
Litigation in This State,
Particularly the Stanford,
Fair and Blythe Contests.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 13.—Judge John Garber, formerly supreme judge of Nevada and for many years one of the most noted jurists of this state, died at his home here tonight from an attack of typhoid fever. Judge Garber had been ill for several weeks and the doctors have entertained no hopes of his recovery, as he was over 70 years of age. Judge Garber was prominently connected with many of the great legal battles in the civil courts of this state, notably the Stanford, Fair and Blythe litigations, which involved many millions of dollars.

A friend of President Roosevelt, Senator Beveridge and the late Mark Hanna, and for forty years associated on one side or the other of every important case in the California courts, former supreme court justice John Garber ranked as a leader of the bar in California.

President Roosevelt offered to make Judge Garber a commissioner on the California canal commission. This was in February, 1904. Judge Garber is a gold Democrat of the old school, and had accepted the post he would have been on the commission with six Republican members.

Born in Virginia, John Garber was a graduate of the University of Virginia, in mathematics, Latin, chemistry, natural philosophy and modern languages. He commenced his business life as a civil engineer, and as such was employed by the Virginia central railroad. This occupation he followed about two years and then studied law and was admitted to practice in the state of Virginia. From the state of Virginia he came to San Francisco and went into the office of his uncle, Joseph H. Baldwin, who was afterward one of the justices of the supreme court of California.

Judge Garber went to Santa Cruz and there practiced law about one and a half years. From Santa Cruz he went to Nevada City, Cal. He married Miss Mary E. Baldwin, daughter of Judge John White of Arizona, in 1865 or 1866. After his marriage he went to Austin, Tex. There he formed a partnership with Colonel Harry L. Thornton.

The two went to Hamilton, Nev., during the White Pine mining excitement, and practiced law there. While living in Hamilton Garber was elected justice of the supreme court of Nevada. The other members of the supreme court of Nevada at this time were B. C. Whitman and J. F. Lewis.

On November 5, 1872, Judge Garber resigned his position on the supreme bench of Nevada and returned to Nevada to take part in the great mining suit of the Haywood & Ely Mining company vs. the Haywoods.

After the trial of this suit, Judge Garber and Colonel Thornton again returned to Nevada and practiced law in San Francisco. The law firm then became Garber & Thornton. Thomas B. Bishop was afterward taken into the firm under the name of Garber, Thornton & Bishop. The other members of the firm on account of ill health and Judge Garber took his place in the firm, which then became Garber, Bishop & Thornton. Judge Garber withdrew from the firm and formed a partnership with Judge Eugene Garber and his son, Joseph B. Garber. Upon the death of Eugene Garber, Harry T. Crowell became a member of the firm.

SAILORS IGNORANT
OF NATIONAL ANTHEM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Let a few reaching Washington from officers of the battleship fleet in a dispatch a word lack of knowledge of anything approaching the national anthem.

In most places where the fleet was received with such enthusiasm and the natives were so patriotic and vigorous in the delivery of an appropriate air and such an incident was usually followed by an attempt to render the "Star Spangled Banner" with the result, as one correspondent has described it, that the singers were rarely able to proceed with the song for more than three lines. The repeated failures finally led to combined efforts to rehearse for the rendition of the American anthem, but without much success.

GUARDS HAVE RIGHT
AT TIMES TO SHOOT

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Judge Kavanaugh in the Superior Court of Cook county yesterday rendered a decision of importance to national guardsmen, in which he declared they had a right under certain conditions to take human life with impunity.

The decision was rendered in the case of Joseph B. Klein, a private of the First regiment, Illinois National Guard, under indictment for killing Carl Nelson at Evanston last spring. The regiment was on its way to Springfield to quell a race war, when Klein, acting as a guard of a baggage car in which ammunition was stored and under orders to allow no unauthorized person to enter, stabbed Nelson with a bayonet, which, according to the story in a court of inquiry, Nelson tried to enter the car.

TAFT SPEAKS
AT M'KINLEY
MEMORIAL

President-elect Tells How
He Was Induced to Go to
the Philippine Islands.

M'KINLEY WAS RIGHT
IN DELAYING WAR

Taft Says He Will Probably
Take a Trip Each Year to
the Canal Zone to Inspect
Progress of Engineering.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—President-elect William H. Taft, speaking tonight at the dedication of the McKinley memorial organ in Metropolitan temple, told an audience which repeatedly interrupted with applause, the story of his official association with the late president, and declared with reference to the Philippine Islands that the policy laid down by Mr. McKinley in 1898 had been the policy of the present administration in the White House.

Andrew Carnegie and John J. McCook also spoke.

"It was in February, 1898," said Taft, in relating the personal narrative of his resignation from the bench and entry into public life, which in eight years has brought him to the presidency, "that I received from Mr. McKinley a telegram which read like this: 'If you have no other engagement, you will do me a great favor by calling on me in Washington some time next week.'"

"I did not know of any vacancy existing on the Supreme court bench at that time, but I went to Washington just the same. Arriving at the White House, I was ushered into the cabinet room and there I met the president. 'Judge,' he said, 'I like to have you go to the Philippines.' I said: 'Mr. President, what do you mean by going to the Philippines?' He replied: 'We must establish a government there and I would like you to help.'"

"But, Mr. President," I said, "I am sorry we have got the Philippines. I don't want them and I think you ought to have some man who is more in sympathy with the situation." "You don't want them any less than I do," replied the president. "But we have got them and in dealing with them I think I can trust the man who don't want them better than I can the man who does."

"You can readily understand," continued Taft, "the feelings of a man whose only object in going to Washington was in hope of finding a vacant cushion on the Supreme court bench, to be asked to go to 10,000 miles from home. But after I had talked with Mr. McKinley and with Secretary Root, I decided I would go and in a hurry."

"Mr. McKinley's idea—and it is his idea we are still carrying out in the Philippines—was one of benevolent assimilation."

An Altruistic Policy.

"Where Providence has thrust upon us the responsibility of a people or a duty in adding them to like that of men favored by fortune, it is our duty to help the helpless and unfortunate in the community. I speak of the Philippines with the confidence that comes of having watched the progress of the islands. In good faith we are carrying out the policy which Mr. McKinley laid down for the benefit of the people who live there. If we use the Philippines for purposes of exploitation or of mere benefit to us at the expense of these people, we are not carrying out the policy which Mr. McKinley laid down. We must have had us carry out benevolent work there to a splendid success."

Taft paid a striking personal tribute to the late president in his remarks. Taft told of the active part McKinley took in the direction of the war during the Spanish war, and paid tribute to him for his hesitancy in rushing into a conflict for which the country was ill prepared.

Unprepared for Spanish War.

"Some of us seem to have such sublime faith in our own abilities and in Providence that they think we can whip any enemy in the world with our guns. Some day we may find out differently. Do you remember how martial we were when President Cleveland sent his Venezuelan message? We all went out at that time and our gun down here at Sandy Hook and that was the only gun we had along the entire coast line—all the way from Maine to Florida and from Lower California to Washington. It was a little gun, the gun of England. But the Lord looked after us, as they say he does after children and drunken men. McKinley knew how unprepared we were, and he stood in the house and looked at the gun and into the hostile line at such time as we were at least ready to cope with a nation as unprepared as we were ourselves."

Taft gave out some further details of his proposed trip to Panama, saying he would take along several consulting engineers. "This has been his custom on the four other trips he has made to the isthmus, and for the purpose of securing information faster than that given to the layman. The many stories that have recently been printed about the canal, including one that the work would only result in failure, Taft said, had convinced his inclination to make the voyage. He said he might continue his annual trips to Panama after entering the White House."

Taft deplored the accident on the isthmus and hoped the injured men would not suffer serious consequences. With reference to his interview with Congressman Burton in Washington yesterday, Mr. Taft said he had reiterated his position of keeping hands entirely off the senatorial fight in Ohio.

Missionary Honored in Japan.

TOKYO, Dec. 13.—The order of merit has been conferred upon Rev. J. H. DeForest of the American Missionary board by the emperor of Japan. Dr. DeForest is one of the most prominent and influential American missionaries in the orient.

STEAMER MODOC IS
RAMMED BY VESSEL
ON THE SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 13.—The Southern Pacific mail and passenger steamer Modoc, plying between this city and San Francisco, was rammed by the freighter Valetta on the river three miles this side of Courtland at 1:30 o'clock this morning and sank in about seven feet of water.

Owing to the presence of mind and prompt action of Captain B. N. Riddout of the Modoc, the disabled steamer was rushed to the shallow side of the river, the crew of the Modoc and the passengers and part of the cargo transferred to the Valetta without mishap. The total loss because of the accident, it is estimated, will be \$10,000 in cargo, damage to the steamer and charter money for a vessel to take the Modoc to the Valetta can be placed back in commission.

Where the blame for the accident belongs is a matter of speculation. The steamer collided in a dense fog, according to reports received tonight, the crew of the Modoc made no signals were heard from the Valetta which was going down stream. On the other hand, it is stated by residents of Courtland that when the Modoc passed the town at 1 o'clock it was blowing a fog whistle every few seconds.

CHICAGO DRUGGISTS
ARE LOSING MONEY

Metropolis Is Too Healthy and Many
Are Going Out of Business as a
Consequence.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Chicago is what druggists say. At least that is what they say in many parts of the city are closing their doors on account of decreased trade. Seven have suspended business on the South Side since Monday and a number on the West and North sides have closed in the last ten days.

The state of the public health has contributed largely to the present condition of the drug trade, but the feeling of conservatism on the part of the public is a big item to druggists, who have played its share in the reduction of receipts.

Some drug stores, it is declared, had lost a chap suet and child can earn lunch to take the place of food beverages.

WORKLESS MEN TO
BE BROUGHT WEST

Unemployed in New York
Are Aided By Judge Gary
and May Be Given Ride.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—As the result of a visit paid to the Bowery mission by Judge Gary, E. H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation at an early hour today that mission is several thousand dollars richer. Also as a further result, a movement may be instituted to bring about the passage of a law to provide for the transportation of deserving indigent Americans in places in the West where positions may be offered them.

Several days ago Judge Gary made arrangements with the Bowery Mission to visit strange men in the desert of New York's underworld. Rev. John G. Halliwell, superintendent of the mission, and Dr. Chas. Vincent Herlihy, sociological worker, formed a reception committee. With Judge Gary were Mrs. Gary, Captain Henry De La Mar, a Western mine-owner, and a number of others.

The bread line at the Bowery mission forms at midnight. From 1 to 3 o'clock in the morning men to the number of about 1500 are given hot coffee and hard sandwiches nightly. There were 1477 in line this morning. Judge Gary wrote a check and handed it to the superintendent of the mission. Captain De La Mar gave the mission \$1000. Others in the party gave liberally and not counting the check given by Judge Gary, it is reported that the donations totaled up to nearly \$4000.

The character of the men who formed the bread line surprised those who came to observe. Judge Gary, who with many of them. They all had the same story to tell—no work, no chance to earn a living.

"And I can't get men to work in my mines out West," said Captain De La Mar.

It was this remark that brought up the question of transportation and the desirability of a law that would make it possible for men to be transported at public expense to distant points, the same as in immigrants are transported by the federal government.

GILLET IS UNABLE
TO EAT SOLID FOOD

Governor Is, However, Able to Sit Up
and Is Permitted to See a Few
Visitors.

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 13.—Governor Gillet was strong enough today to sit up for an hour and a half and for the first time since he was taken ill here a week ago, he was permitted to see a few visitors. The governor's condition is improving rapidly, but he still requires comparative quiet for a few days, according to his physician. His digestive organs are still considerably inflamed and it probably will be a week or ten days before he can safely eat solid food. Governor Gillet was in good spirits today and expressed the hope that he would be able to leave for Sacramento Wednesday.

BLACKSMITH KILLED
BY TRAIN AT REDDING

REDDING, Dec. 13.—Frank E. Collins, a blacksmith who resides at 1302 Kentucky street, San Francisco, according to a workman's card found upon him, was killed near the Redding depot last night while attempting to get aboard a moving freight train. He fell between two cars in such a manner that the wheels severed the head from his body and cut off both feet and one hand. He was about 40 years of age.

BOMB WRECKS
STRUCTURES
IN CHICAGO

Buildings Adjoining Coliseum
Blown Up By Explosion—Cause Unknown.

BLOW INTENDED FOR
GREAT DANCE HALL

Pastors of Nearby Churches
Had Sought to Put a Stop
to Political Ball Given
There to Aid Alderman.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Two buildings were wrecked and windows were shattered for a block around by a terrific explosion of a bomb in an alley in Wabash avenue, near Sixteenth street tonight. The wrecked building adjoins the Coliseum, where the first Ward hall, the annual rally against the holding of which much opposition has been made, is scheduled to be held tomorrow night.

The report of the explosion was heard for a mile. The congregation of Grace Episcopal and Wabash Avenue Methodist Episcopal churches and guests of nearby hotels rushed to the street in a panic. A two story frame building at 1513 Wabash avenue, which adjoins the south wall of the Coliseum Annex, immediately collapsed and took fire.

The fire leaped across an area way and spread to another frame building, which was also wrecked. Property of the Coliseum stored in the buildings added fuel to the flames. Crowds of excited people, believing that the Coliseum had been blown up, rushed to the scene. The police and firemen began searching among the debris in the belief that people were in the building. It was reported that two men had entered one of the buildings a short time before.

The bomb was intended for the Coliseum, the police express little doubt. One theory is that the bomb was thrown as another factor of the "gamblers' war" which has been marked by the burning and blowing up of buildings in the vicinity of alleged gambling resorts. The twenty-seventh explosion in that series occurred a few weeks ago.

The first war ball has long been a source of contention. Rev. W. O. Waters, pastor of Grace Episcopal church, which adjoins the Coliseum on the north, sought and failed to secure an injunction to prevent the holding of the ball on the ground that it was prejudicial to the morals of the community.

The ball is supported by "First Warders," who are represented in the city council by Michael Keenan and John Coughlan. The proceeds of the ball, estimated at \$100,000 to \$250,000, annually given, are used for the campaign expenses of the alderman, whose term expires the following spring.

It was at first believed that several people were killed, as a number were in the vicinity at the time. Careful search of the debris by police and firemen, however, failed to reveal any bodies.

PRESIDENT WRITES
TO COL. EMERSON

Declines Invitation to At-
tend Session of "Rough
Riders" in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Forty-five members of the "Rough Riders" movement united today at the Union League club in giving a dinner to their first colonel, Major General Leonard Wood, recently returned from the Philippines. In a toast to read the dinner tonight, President Roosevelt said:

"My Dear Emerson:—I wish I could be present at that dinner, but it is out of the question. Give my warmest regards to all present and the flag that we carried is I think, in Arizona. Personally I should deem it unwise to send it around the country to all the reunions. Sincerely yours, 'TRICKY' W. ROOSEVELT."

The flag had been taken out to the Southwest for the last reunion, but it had a high place of honor at the dinner here and was the object of due reverence.

The dinner celebrated the tenth anniversary of the organization of the regiment.

"My Dear Emerson," in the above mentioned letter from President Roosevelt, is Colonel Edwin Emerson, Jr., a part of whose varied adventurous careers was spent in Fresno early this year as managing editor of the Evening Herald and who resigned from that position rather than print editorials attacking President Roosevelt and do other dirty work for the "high-ups." Since leaving Fresno he has been in San Francisco, Mexico, Central America and recently in New York.

MORGAN GIVES
\$100,000 TO CHURCHES
IN SAN FRANCISCO

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Bishop William Ford Nichols of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of California is leaving this city for the Pacific coast today and announced that J. Pierpont Morgan has contributed \$100,000 for the rebuilding of the Episcopal churches of San Francisco destroyed by the earthquake and fire three years ago.

Bishop Nichols, who has been in New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Boston and other cities, appealing for funds, with which to rebuild the ruined churches, has met with generous response.

FRAUDULENT SCHEME
TO GET \$12,000 BY
FIRING A BUILDING

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The fire marshal and the police department are investigating a scheme which occurred at 2313 California street early today and which they allege was of incendiary origin. The house was occupied by Madame Marie Mallard, a French milliner, formerly of Chicago, who, with her daughter Louise Girard, were closely questioned at police headquarters tonight. The firemen who responded to the alarm declare that they discovered several bundles of rags saturated with kerosene and state that the fire was started in three different parts of the house. Nothing of any particular value, except fourteen hats, was found in the house, according to the firemen. The damage did not exceed \$1,000, but the police assert that Madame Mallard holds insurance policies covering the contents of house described as "millinery stock" and valuable jewels, for \$12,000.

Mme. Mallard stated to the police that she was away from home and with her daughter and friends spent the entire day across the bay at Sausalito. She said she took out the insurance policies upon the advice of Paul Bergerot, president of the French-American bank.

NATIONAL GUARD TO
GET SUPPLIES FROM
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—National Guard interests are promoted by an order from the war department contemplating that all requisitions received from militia authorities for clothing and equipment be filled by the issue from the army source of supplies of the latest stock article and so forth. This will have the effect of equipping the militia with nothing obsolete in the way of material. Officials say it is a case of the regular army being side tracked for the benefit of the militia.

TOKYO, Dec. 13.—At a dinner given today to the new Japanese minister to Chile, it was announced that the Toyo Kisen Steamship Company will start a new line of steamers between Japan and South America commencing January 1st, with three steamers on a regular schedule.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS
GROWING RAPIDLY

Root Points Out the Need
for Thorough Reorganization
of State Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Since the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill was taken up in committee, the House has been much impressed with the growth of the United States among the sister nations of the world. The request upon the congress by the secretary of state for an additional force to cope with the problems of state has been explained on no other basis and the statements of Secretary Root on the growth of this country as a world power have attracted much consideration.

Secretary Root startled the members by referring to the state department organization as a temporary matter.

"I consider the time will shortly come when it will be desirable to make material changes in the organization of the state department," the secretary told the committee on appropriations. He predicted the time would come when a reorganizing business would justify and require a political-geographical division of the work for the departments. This would mean various divisions to deal with European, Latin-American, Far Eastern and British colonial questions.

Secretary Root demonstrated that the work of the department was growing by stating that there was an increase of 130,000 pieces of mail a year; that the trade of the United States has increased from \$1,000,000,000 in 1896 to \$2,315,000,000 in 1907, and that the outgoing foreign travel from the United States from 243,181 in 1896 to 563,322 in 1907.

It was now necessary he said, to have a change in the present organization of the department. "Congress was informed of the proposed revision of the tariff meant an immense amount of work for the state department."

Mr. Root's remarks are being most carefully weighed because it is considered they probably will be his last from his present official position. Coming from the man who reorganized the war department and has been invited to reorganize the navy department, his advice on the reorganization of the state department is taken as a valuable guidepost.

PUTRID BEEF CAUSE
OF NAVAL POISONING

Caterer Used Stale Meat, Cooked It
Rare and Kept It for Two
Days.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—At a conference held this afternoon between Dr. J. J. Hogan of Vallejo, Dr. Martin Regenshager, president of the state board of health, and Coroner Leland of San Francisco to inquire into the poisoning of a number of guests who attended the launching of the collier Prometheus last week at Mare Island, it was decided that decayed beef was responsible for the illness that followed the luncheon served by Caterer L. S. Cohen. At the conference Dr. Hogan said:

"The contract with Cohen called for prime beef, and we have found that he served meat that he purchased for seven cents a pound. This inferior meat was cooked rare and kept in that state for two days."

The three physicians agreed that the poisoning was due to putrid beef and that while the symptoms were similar to those of ptomaine poisoning, the malady was not the same. The inquest over the body of J. C. Reynolds, the waiter, who died presumably from the effects of the food which was served at the navy yard, will be held early this week.

DUTCH CAPTURE SHIP
OFF VENEZUELAN COAST

Though Within Reach of Guns of Forts Nearby,
No Shots Were Fired At Netherlands
Cruiser—Castro Leaving France.

WILLEMSTADT, Curacao, Dec. 13.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland came into port this morning towing the Venezuelan coast guard ship Aliz with the Dutch flag flying and a Dutch crew on board. The Gelderland captured the Aliz off Puerto Cabello on Saturday. At that time the Aliz was lying close in shore and notwithstanding the threat which the Venezuelan government had made to fire upon any of the Dutch warships committing a hostile act, the Gelderland steamed at full speed toward the moored ship and sent an officer and guard in a launch to seize her. This they did without resistance and no shots came from the forts on land.

The crew of the Aliz was put ashore and the Dutch officers and marines remained on board, the Gelderland finally taking the Aliz in tow and steering away with her prize.

The seizure of the Aliz was in accordance with the plans of the Holland government when instructions were issued to the three Dutch warships now in these waters to make a demonstration off the coast of Venezuela to capture any Venezuelan ship of war or guard vessel that they might find. The arrival of the Gelderland at Willemstad this morning was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm by those who noticed the cruiser approach and soon the entire population were down to the water's edge to welcome the return of the Gelderland, towing the first of the enemy's ships as though from a great conquest.

Just a Reprisal.

Naturally the people of Curacao, who have been long clamoring for activity on the part of the Dutch government, are greatly rejoiced over this evidence of the Venezuelan government's measures against Venezuela, but the governor of Curacao discussed the incident as follows:

"The capture by our warships of coastguard and war vessels is not to be considered an unfriendly act against the Venezuelans."

"It is merely a reprisal against Castro's government which wishes to give satisfaction for his unfriendly acts toward Holland. The seizure of these vessels will make it impossible for the Venezuelan government to carry out armament and to from the various ports."

"A communication to this effect has been forwarded by the Dutch government to the German minister at Caracas."

It is learned from the officers of the Gelderland that the battleship Jacob Van Heemskirk and the cruiser Prinsendam are now off La Guaira and that their captures may be expected at any time. These two vessels left here on Friday, cleared for action, and it was believed at that time that the intention was to make a forcible demonstration at La Guaira. The opinion is held here that the Venezuelan government in the absence of President Castro will not go so far as to fire upon the Dutch warship, which, in view of the fact that Venezuela is practically without a navy, hold the Venezuelan ports at their mercy.

The situation between Venezuela and the Netherlands has been strained for some months. The trouble arose indirectly from the expulsion from Caracas of M. de Teus, the diplomatic representative of Holland, but it had already been rendered acute by the course of Venezuela in issuing a decree on May 14th last that practically killed the commerce of Curacao.

Other incidents that have added to the ill feeling have been the stoppage of Dutch sailing vessels at sea by the authorities of Venezuela and the storming of the Venezuelan consulate at Willemstad by a mob.

Venezuela has made preparations to resist any act of hostility. The forts at La Guaira, Puerto Cabello and Maracaibo have been reinforced with men and munitions, but until Saturday no untoward act occurred which gave Venezuela an opportunity to answer force with force.

The naval force of Venezuela consisted of two vessels. Of these three, the Bolivar, Miranda and Margarita are gunboats. The others, with the exception of the Restaurador, which was formerly the steam yacht Atlanta, are hardly worthy of mention. They are nothing more than armed tugboats. There is a 13-pound gun on the Restaurador, but aside from this there is no gun in the fleet bigger than a 6-pounder. The Venezuelan forts, however, mount some modern 6-inch Krupp guns.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—President Castro, of Venezuela, and his party left here today for Cologne, where a consultation of physicians will be held to determine upon the advisability of an operation on the president. If an operation is found necessary, Dr. Israel probably will perform it at Berlin.

Castro kept himself closely confined to his hotel here, refusing to give out any statement to newspaper men, except through members of his suite. On the train today, however, he accorded an interview to a representative of the Temps, saying that as he was leaving France he felt at liberty to receive a journalist. The interview will guardedly be given to the public. The operation made by Castro at Santander to the effect that he wanted to settle Venezuela's diplomatic difficulties and so far as France is concerned, had already made the first steps in that direction. He said, however, the everything for the moment must be subordinated to the restoration of his health.

While avoiding a direct question as to what he expected to do toward settling Venezuela's foreign quarrels, he said that the French cable company, which had been in the hands of the French cable company, was against any government in the Matos revolution.

"But that did not justify the expulsion of M. Taigny, the charge d'affaires," said the interviewer.

"It is a lamentable fact," he said, "that the French cable company was against any government in the Matos revolution."

"But there is also the matter of the French subjects at Carapabo," continued the interviewer.

"I took occasion when there," said the president, "to authorize their return. That is sufficient evidence of my desire for reconciliation."

"And the payment of the diplomatic debt under 'The Hague award'?" remarked Castro. "In default of a French representative at Caracas, the monthly payments have been deposited with the State Bank of Venezuela."

Asked why he had refused to allow the Brazilian legation to act for France, President Castro replied:

"Because Brazil has charge of the interests of the United States and in the interest of the good relations and solidarity of the American republics, it was deemed inadvisable to permit neighboring republic to look after the affairs of a European power."

President Castro asserted the Venezuela desired peace and harmony with France and the other powers, but declared such a condition was dependent upon others as well as Venezuela.

Castro Offered No Settlement.

It is specifically denied that Castro offered a basis of settlement to the government, while here. A member of the suite, however, declared that the president had offered to permit a French company to manage the French cable company matter occurred prior to Castro's arrival. Significant in this connection is the publication in one of the Paris newspapers of the cable company's side of the question to permit the return of the French cable company to the French government was implicated in the Matos revolution. At the same time the admission is made that Matos communicated with Caracas by cable through another European power.

and Metcalf and it has occurred to some of Taft's advisers that if a good man can be found in one of the other Pacific coast states, it might be a good idea to invite him into the cabinet.

Up to this time, it is learned, only two names have been discussed with any degree of seriousness. These are Senator Fulton of Oregon and R. A. Ballinger of Washington, the former was commissioner of the general land office. Many people in Washington think that Ballinger will come into the cabinet in the land office, in case he is invited into the official family of Taft. It will most probably be as secretary of the department of commerce and labor. Ballinger is an intimate friend of Clifford Pinchot, who is slated to be secretary of agriculture upon the retirement of Secretary Wilson.

BOY FOUND WITH
HEAD BLOWN OFF.

VALLEJO, Dec. 13.—George Collins, a 17-year old boy, was found this afternoon on the Sulphur Springs road, two and a half miles west of Vallejo, with the top of his head blown off. Fifty feet from the body was the boy's hat with a part of the skull in it.

Young Collins left his father's ranch at noon yesterday to take some groceries to the ranch of his brother, Thomas Collins, several miles distant. He drove a horse and two wheeled carts and took with him an automatic "pump" or repeating shotgun.

In driving to his brother's ranch the boy took the Sulphur Springs road, which leads through several grades. It is supposed that young Collins got out of the cart, opened the gate near which he was found, and upon getting back into the vehicle in some manner hit the trigger of the shotgun, discharging its load into his head. The boy was not missed and no search was made until today, each ranch thinking he was at the other's.

SHOWS COMING ALL IN A BUNCH AT THE BARTON



Scene from "The Substitute," the Attraction in Which Max Figman Will Appear at the Barton Tonight.

Max Figman, who is unquestionably one of the pronounced favorites of theatergoers, will come to the Barton tonight for his annual visit in a new and original comedy entitled "The Substitute," from the pens of Beulah M. Dix and Evelyn Greenleaf Sutherland, authors of the Road to Yesterday. Mr. Figman will bring with him the largest company and the most pretentious and elaborate production he has had since he became a star. He is under the management of John Cort, who also directs the tours of Madame Calve, Florence Roberts, the comic opera success "The Alaskan" and the late Boston musical success, "Commencement Days," a story of girl college life.

"The Substitute" differs from any play that has been presented on the American stage. It relates a story that abounds in comedy and yet has a strong and virile dramatic setting. The four follows a laugh in quick succession and the versatility of the artist is tested at every moment. A charming romance prevails the whole, and lends a distinct fascination to it.

In brief "The Substitute" relates the experiences and adventures of an up-to-date young New York lawyer named James Smith, who, to keep his word with his prospective brother-in-law, a young and budding theologian, is compelled himself to go as the substitute to a little country church at West Appleford, Conn. Nothing more out of place can be imagined than this lawyer masquerading as a minister, and a most funny accident occurs that keeps the ministers in a constant state of mortification.

Incidental to his visit the young lawyer falls in love with the pretty daughter of the aged minister, whose plight he learns is filled, and he discovers a conspiracy to deprive the aged minister for alleged embezzlement of charity funds. The evolution of this romance and the efforts of Smith to assist the minister out of his trouble form the basis of the dramatic story. The last scene of the play occurs in a country court room, where the minister is on trial.

Originality in Stage Frocks.
While it is well known that the stage leads in fashion, it is not often that the costumes are designed by the star of the attraction. Roger Stahl, who appears in "The Chorus Lady," is, perhaps, the only American woman star to originate design and color scheme for all of the gowns worn by herself and the members of her company, and the gowns are good samples of her modish artistry.

When a production is contemplated by a theatrical manager, the question of costuming is one of the most important factors and the manager invariably calls to his aid the assistance of some well known designer and costumer, who borrows her ideas from plates drawn by artists and from the pages of fashion journals. Even then it is difficult to make colors harmonize.

Henry B. Herts, under whose direction "The Chorus Lady" is being presented, was, when it came to the costuming of the play, in a quandary as to who he would secure to do it. Then, one day when Miss Stahl was in his office the matter came up, and she suggested that he turn the whole matter of the designing over to her. This he gladly did. That she has been successful is evident by the fact that the big department stores in New York have used as their models many of the gowns worn by members of "The Chorus Lady." Miss Stahl will be seen at the Barton tomorrow evening in "The Chorus Lady."

Story of Far North.
"The Alaskan," a good story of the far north, set to music of a high order, which was one of last season's musical successes, comes to the Barton next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, when it will be given by John Cort's splendid company, headed by Edward Martindale.

Mr. Martindale struck the nail of approval squarely on the head last season in the role of "Totem Pole Pete," and had this opera contained no other song hit his rendition of that remarkable number, "My Totem Pole," would easily have carried it to success. In addition to Mr. Martindale there is a large cast of principals engaged with "The Alaskan," as well as a great beauty chorus.

Numbered among the principals are Lora Loh, Fritz, Von Busing, Ida Fitzhugh, Forrest, Hurl, William Fables, Dick Fitzgerald and Hunter Wilson, while there will be an augmented orchestra with the company under the direction of Oscar Rudin. One of the features of the presentation is a large back of genuine Eskimo snow dogs, brought from Alaska direct.

Musically "The Alaskan" is one of the most popular offerings for many years, while its book and lyrics reveal a story of the far north that is always interesting and truthfully drawn.

The seat sale will open this morning at 8 o'clock.

Uncle Tom's Cabin.
It will be a pleasing announcement to the many little ones and the big little ones that Steison's production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be seen at the Barton next Saturday, matinee and night. Special bargain matinee prices will prevail, 25 cents to all. Evening prices will be 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents.

Ben Hur Spectacle.
Seats will be placed on sale Thursday morning next for the engagement of "Ben Hur" at the Barton, December 21st, 22nd and 23rd. This spectacle will be a most magnificent production.

The British Society of Fresno County.
Members are requested to remit their dues for the second half year ending April 25th, 1909, without delay, in accordance with the by-laws, section 1. The next meeting will be held the last week in Jan. Due notice will be sent to all members.

GEORGE ROBERTSON, Sec'y.
December 12, 1908.

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LODGED IN THE COUNTY JAIL

George Shoughrow and Victor Marsh, 17-year-old lads, who gave their occupations as messenger boys, were brought to the county jail on Saturday night by Constable Campbell, having been held to answer for burglary. They came from the southern part of the state and had been loitering about Selma. They were sleeping in a bunk house at the gas works at that place and when some of the employees had gone, stole a watch and money. They were later caught and the goods found on them. After the preliminary examination, they were turned over to the superior court on \$1000 bail each.

VETERAN OF TWO WARS AT REST

Funeral services over the remains of Bernard Aring, veteran of two wars, were held yesterday afternoon from Risley Hall, Atlanta Post of A. R. having charge of the services at the hall and at the grave. There was a large attendance of old soldiers and a number of beautiful floral decorations. Interment was in Mount View cemetery. Aring was a native of Germany and served with honor in the Prussian war. Later he came to this country and served in the Civil war. He was 88 years of age.

AWAITING AN INVESTIGATION

E. C. Shepard, claiming to be a deputy city marshal from Southern California, was placed under arrest last Saturday night by Police Sergeant Boyle pending investigation. Shepard was hanging around the Southern Pacific depot when arrested, and the sergeant not liking his appearance at that time of night, gave him a bed for the night. The man was wearing a deputy marshal's badge and displaying the engagement promises to be a record-breaker.

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HAY AND GRAIN IN THE BIG CITY

Sales Being Made Without Difficulty.

Every Indication That They Will Be Higher Before New Stock Comes in.

The San Francisco hay and grain market report of Scott and Wagner states that receipts of hay during the week up to Saturday have been 2385 tons, being a substantial increase over the arrivals of the week before. The market continues strong and sales are made without difficulty at prices quoted. Local business conditions continue good, with a tendency toward improvement, and the market absorbs all arrivals readily and without forcing. A general feeling of encouragement is felt throughout the state by reason of the generous rain so generally distributed.

The report states further that during the month of November the San Francisco market consumed about 15,000 tons in round numbers. December will not take that much but the general average from all experience shows that the steady shipment to come in will more than consume the stock in sight available to San Francisco. A few stray cars have been arriving from various sections of the surrounding states, but have been selling at figures which will prohibit their shipment in any quantity until the market advances more. It is practically a foregone conclusion that the market will continue at its present rate for the immediate present, with a steady gradual increase upward toward the end of the season.

There is apparently no cause for a feeling of panic, but there is every indication that San Francisco will see prices quite a bit higher during the next one or two months, and very much higher before new hay can be counted upon to supply the market. The exact condition of affairs seems to be so thoroughly and generally understood by the farming element or shippers of hay to San Francisco that all country stocks are being held firm in hand at prices a trifle over present market quotations. The widespread belief that prices are bound to be better being done in the country, and the only transfer of stocks of which word has been received, consist of small sales being made from farmer to farmer for local supply.

Heavy shipments are being made to the southern portion of the state, but no sales of any quantity have been reported during the week. A strong demand from the interior and the mountainous districts is manifest with quite large shipments being made into the localities from which they are supplied.

Alfalfa continues in strong demand, and sells proportionately very high. The supply of straw is light, and all counting is readily absorbed at quotations.

The prices on the market range as follows:

	Per Ton.
Choice wheat hay	\$21.00 to \$22.50
No. 1 wheat or wheat	19.00 to 21.00
No. 2 wheat or wheat	18.00 to 20.00
and oat	16.00 to 17.00
Choice tame oat	13.00 to 15.00
Other tame oat	12.00 to 14.00
Stock hay	14.50 to 15.50
Wild oat	12.00 to 13.00
Alfalfa	11.50 to 12.50
Straw, per bale	65 to 80

The report of Somers & Co. emphasizes that there is no general apprehension concerning the outcome, for with concessions in freight rates which can be granted under emergency measures, considerable quantities of hay can be brought to San Francisco from the surrounding states. It is the idea that the market will be maintained at

but little above the present range, possibly at the very end of the season, at which time there may be a moderate demand on the San Francisco market should prevent any great excitement or great advance over present quotations.

The market holds at about the same range as was noted one week ago, as some days with light receipts and others with above quotations, but any day with an over-supply brings a reaction again. With the loss of government and export trade because of high prices it is found that the market can absorb but moderate quantities of hay with ease.

TOO POOR TO BUY WOOD SO HE HELPED HIMSELF

Ah Sing, a Chinaman, was brought to the county jail from Selma yesterday morning by Constable Campbell with a sack of stove wood stolen from a neighbor. He admitted the theft, but in defense of the act pleaded that he was not financially able to buy wood. He is held on \$50 bail pending trial in the justice court.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there will be no meeting of the stockholders of the Valley Savings Bank at Judge Smith's court room on December 15, 1908. Any notice of such meeting has been issued through error and without authority.

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A man never figures on getting any kind of a suit or overcoat for less than \$25, and at this special sale you can take your choice of any suit or overcoat in the entire house for \$20 or \$15.

There's no necessity of wishing you had a new suit, or no need of your going without an overcoat these cold nights--buy both today and save money.

You can get both a suit and an overcoat at this sale for what you would pay for each one separately earlier in the season.

Everybody knows what a fine assortment of high-grade, stylish and sw suits and overcoats I carry, and a chance like this to get them at special price will undoubtedly be taken up by every man in Fresno.

But come early, and come today--get the first and best choice of the assortment.

Read the prices over again.

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WEATHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Cloudy weather has prevailed generally over the Pacific slope and light rain from San Francisco northward. Forecast: San Joaquin valley—Clearing Monday; light northwest wind.

Temperature (dry bulb) 45
 " (wet bulb) 31
 Humidity 92
 Wind N.W. (m. per hr.) 12
 Maximum temperature 49
 Minimum temperature 32
 Today's rainfall136
 Rainfall to date 1.36
 Cloudy Monday.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Fresh Oysters
 In bulk at
 Hollander's.
 Dr. Ross moved, 20 Elbe Bldg.
 Ask for French creamery butter.
 Fancy alfalfa seed. Hollander's seed dept.

Wanted—Chicken and turkeys at the Saline Market, 1912 Tulare St.
 Lodge card parties. Navajo Council No. 62 will give one of their famous card parties Monday, December 14th, at 8:30, Anderson 25 cents. Refreshments.

The ladies of the board of managers of the County (Opposition) solicit a generous donation from the public for the children at the orphanage. This year, as almost everything was destroyed by the recent fire, donations will be received at the residence of Mrs. C. J. Craycroft, 1915 N. Street.

MRS. W. T. BURNS

National Correspondent of
 W. R. C. Suffered from
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Many people are in just her condition—all run down, hardly able to drag about, don't know what ails them. This is probably caused by a cold or cough which is hard to cure, overwork or too close confinement to business, and such people need Vinol.

Vinol is not a patent medicine, but contains the medicinal curative elements found in fresh cod's livers, with all the oil eliminated and tonic added.

We ask every run-down, nervous, debilitated, aged or weak person in this place, and every person suffering from stubborn colds, bronchitis or coughs or bronchitis, to try Vinol on our offer to return money if it fails to give satisfaction. Geo. H. Monroe Co., Druggists, Fresno.

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ASSESSMENT VALUES
OF STATE AND COUNTYEqualizers Favor an Extension of Time On Tax
Collections To Be Made On Commissions.

The report of the state board of equalization covering the assessment of 1907-08 makes reference to several subjects of general public interest. On the subject of increase in assessed valuation, the report says:

Increased Values.
 "In the last report of this board it was shown that in ten years, 1897 to 1906, the assessed value of property as returned by assessors, had increased \$24,136,891, or 21 per cent, while the railway assessments made by this board, for the same period, had increased \$37,451,117, or 57 per cent. If we compare the 1906 assessments with those of ten years ago, a far greater difference and more favorably showing is made. The total assessment made by the assessors for the year 1906 amounted to \$1,008,602,236, while for the year 1906 the railway mileage had increased to 5,959 or 29 per cent. While the assessment by this board jumped to \$116,698,162, or an increase of 165 per cent in ten years."

"But coming to the part of these increases directly attributable to the present board—who assumed office in January, 1907—we have but to compare the record for two years. When we assumed office we found the railway mileage assessed for \$1,008,602,236, and for the current year (1908) an assessment, as before stated, of \$116,698,162. The percentage of increase was, therefore, 402 per cent in 1907 over 1906. The great increase in railway assessments would produce a tax equal to 1 per cent of the gross earnings of the roads for a calendar year."

Reference is made to the visits in 1907 to every county in the state during the first six months and are the big San Francisco drive, to urge the necessity of keeping up the assessment value and of making large increases to make up for lost and destroyed property, else the state would be compelled to levy an extremely high tax rate. This was generally agreed to and the report says:

"It is the general tendency in the administration of public affairs as assessments increase and the state grows more wealthy and more able to stand the burden of taxation that the tax rate is increased, and the tax payers' rights. This is borne out by the returns made that while the assessments of the county have increased very materially, the county tax rate has also increased. On the other hand, there has been a considerable decrease in the tax rates, and should the taxpayer and any increase in his taxes this year, no blame can be attached to the state government, but he must look to those who are responsible for the present condition of the county."

Child Cured of Croup, Saving Father a Ten Mile Drive for a Doctor.
 A merchant engaged in the selling of all kinds of remedies naturally bears a good many expressions of opinion from the good Mr. J. H. Ellis, a merchant at Ellensburg, Wash., writes as follows:

"Many of my customers have spoken very highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. One in particular, Mr. George Edge, bought a bottle of this remedy for himself and found it did him good, but he found it most useful when one of his children took croup. He had noticed on the bottle that it was good for that disease, so gave it and was surprised to see what quick relief it afforded the child, and it saved him a ten mile drive and a doctor's bill."

This remedy is not only a certain cure for croup that has never been known to fail, but when given as soon as the first indication of the attack appears that is as soon as the child becomes hoarse it will prevent the attack. It should be kept at hand ready for instant use, then all danger and anxiety may be avoided.

Xmas Presents

Just received direct from New York, the Woodbury Hunt Co. line of calendars, pictures, engagement calendars, bridge whist sets; in fact, one of the most complete lines of novelties in the city. Woodbury Hunt Co. have the reputation of manufacturing one of the most artistic lines of Christmas goods in the U. S. Look at my window and see this line.

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goods \$1,336,660, Fresno \$9300; vitrified pipe \$146,775; iron pipe \$12,561,871; Fresno \$39,600; electric light plants \$13,304,421, Fresno \$9,115; fixtures of stores and saloons \$4,326,819, Fresno \$163,325; franchises not assessed by state board \$33,755,745, Fresno \$177,000; railroad rolling stock not assessed \$4,955,498, Fresno \$11,500.

Grain in Storage
 Wheat, state \$585,071
 Fresno 44,720
 Oats, state 57,129
 Fresno 1,350
 Barley, state 909,810
 Fresno 36,549
 Corn, state 26,543
 Fresno 1,750

Presses:
 Printing, state \$1,124,810
 Fresno 6,750
 Wine, state 48,368
 Fresno 3,400
 Hay, state 5,171
 Fresno 1,400
 Other property state \$2,632,218
 Fresno 1,683,361

Grain Acreage
 Wheat, state 1,265,868
 Fresno 15,450
 Oats, state 292,506
 Fresno 500
 Barley, state 1,442,968
 Fresno 12,200
 Corn, state 10,712
 Fresno 1,688,912
 Hay, state 2,500
 Fresno 1,920
 Rice, state 9,649
 Hop, state 42,707
 Potatoes, state 4,021
 Celery 126,879
 Beans 64,652
 Sugar beets 308,519
 Alfalfa, state 21,250
 Fresno 1,120

Grape Vines Acres
 Total, bearing state 32,337
 Fresno 1,630
 Non-bearing 16,917
 Fresno 620
 Raisin grapes, bearing 55,114
 Fresno 48,562
 Non-bearing 12,621
 Fresno 5,360
 Wine bearing 12,779
 Fresno 1,453
 Non-bearing 4,472
 Fresno 4,500

Fruit Trees
 Apples, bearing trees 1,092,111
 Fresno 23,420
 Non-bearing 538,163
 Pears, bearing 1,820
 Apples, bearing 2,028,238
 Fresno 87,750
 Non-bearing 488,334
 Fresno 7,550
 Cherries, bearing 48,334
 Fresno 320
 Non-bearing 92,774
 Plums, bearing 18,363
 Fresno 70,790
 Non-bearing 210,998
 Fresno 19,500
 Nectarines, bearing 38,030
 Fresno 8,264
 Non-bearing 1,017,778
 Prunes, bearing 72,275
 Non-bearing 183,392
 Fresno 5,755
 Peach, bearing 5,160,637
 Fresno 78,957
 Non-bearing 2,674,870
 Fresno 256,620
 Pear, bearing 1,230,289
 Non-bearing 215,168
 Plums, bearing 318,887
 Fresno 11,200
 Non-bearing 254,440
 Fresno 1,400
 Prunes, French, bearing 6,458,356
 Fresno 83,250
 Non-bearing 642,003
 Fresno 1,825
 Prunes, bearing 575,171
 Non-bearing 122,284
 Quinces, bearing 212,238
 Non-bearing 3,160
 Lemons, bearing 1,122,412
 Fresno 9,539
 Non-bearing 208,519
 Fresno 11,450
 Limes, bearing 1,182
 Non-bearing 385
 Oranges, bearing 7,505,500
 Fresno 58,270
 Non-bearing 1,547,573
 Fresno 17,300
 Damros, bearing 6,655
 Non-bearing 4,544
 Almonds, bearing 1,032,015
 Fresno 4,230
 Non-bearing 226,216
 Fresno 1,300
 Walnuts, bearing 684,477
 Non-bearing 2,640
 Fresno 236,070

Freight to Guam
 WILL BE HANDLED
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—When Quartermaster General Alesbury was before the committee on military affairs today Congressman Kuhn, referred to the difficulty experienced by the people of Guam in communicating with the mainland and in getting supplies on account of the lack of steamship lines. General Alesbury said that he would offer relief to this extent: that if there should be goods at San Francisco awaiting shipment to Guam he would allow them to be taken on transports whenever there might be room available for such freight.

General Alesbury made an appeal to the committee for a recommendation that \$300,000 be appropriated for repairs to transports, and his appeal seemed to be received favorably.

MCKINLAY URGES TAFT TO APPOINT KNIGHT TO CABINET
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Congressman Duncan McKinlay called on President-elect Taft yesterday to urge favorable consideration of George Knight for a place in the cabinet. Taft said he had many applications and that no sections would be made yet, but he hoped to be able to please a California, for which state he had a very high regard.

McKinlay wishes to nail the canon that he is opposed to Knight's appointment, or that he has any ambition on his own account for the place in the cabinet or anywhere else so long as he can be returned to Congress by his district.

Young Boy a Burglar.
 SAN JUAN, Dec. 13. Max Kirtler, an escapee from the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of San Francisco, 15 years old, was caught in the act of burglarizing a room in the New York Exchange hotel this morning and is being held by the police pending the probable placing of a charge of burglary against him.

TRIAL OF JENKINS HAINS BEGINS TODAY
 Purely Technical Defense, It Is Rumored, Will Be Made By the Accused Man.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The trial of E. Jenkins Hains, author, will be begun tomorrow and promises to rival in interest many of the country's most noted murder trials. Hains will be tried as an accessory to the murder of William E. Annis, a magazine writer, who was shot and fatally wounded at the Bay-side Yacht club last summer by the defendant's brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., whose attorneys will argue temporary insanity as his defense.

It will be charged that Thornton Hains, armed with a revolver, waved back the crowd of club members, as Annis, who was stepping out of his coat, was fired upon five times.

Council for the Hains brothers have indicated that the defense of Thornton Hains will be that one may not be held as an accessory to the act of another who is temporarily insane. It will be asserted that disclosures regarding the alleged conduct of his wife and Annis had driven Captain Hains into mental irresponsibility.

Three hundred tabernacles have been encamped to defend Judge Frederick Crane, District Attorney Ira Darrin and Special Prosecutor Elmer White will appear for the state, and John E. McIntyre, former assistant district attorney of New York county, assisted by Joseph Slay, will represent the defense.

INJURED FRESHMAN
 NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 13.—Declaring that their brother Henry, a freshman at Rutgers college, is in a dangerous condition as the result of alleged brutality to hazing, Harry and Samuel Jacobson of Elizabeth, came here today and demanded an investigation. They said that young Jacobson was compelled to roll pennies across the main street of the college town with his nose and then beaten with pickets from a nearby fence while not in a position to defend himself. The boy, they state, is at his home in Newark under the care of a physician.

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"THE CHORUS LADY"
 A comedy by James Forbes. Exactly as presented in New York for one year.
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 With a Splendid Cast of Principals Headed By Edward Martindel.
 Augmented Orchestra—60 in the Ensemble
 PRICES 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50

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 SATURDAY
 DEC. 19
 SEAT SALE
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TWO OF A KIND.

Violet: "I told Beatrice I couldn't afford to give her a present this Christmas."
 Vivian: "Was she vexed?"
 Violet: "No; she thanked me for mentioning it, as she had been wanting to say the same thing to me."



THE MARCH OF MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

Santa Claus (coughing)—It's all right—it's all right—but I was originally built for wood fires and open flues!

A REFLECTION.
 Fuddy—Do you really believe that drummers are as smart as they are said to be?
 Duddy—I never believe in impossibilities. They never succeed in selling me anything.
 Fuddy—It does look like a reflection upon their alleged smartness to attempt it.

THE WHOLE TROUBLE.
 Bass—I suppose you think I'm a fool?
 Cass—That's what troubles me. If your supposition is correct, then you are a mind reader, and therefore you cannot be a fool, and yet—well, you understand.

MONDAY.
 "Why should they speak of 'blue' Mondays?"
 He asked and encouragingly grinned. "It's happier, surely, than Sunday. Being so many sheets in the wind!"



THE JOHNNIE'S CHRISTMAS DREAM.

Small Boy Balances Accounts.

"I don't suppose I should tell the story," said Brown, with a smile, "but it is too good to keep, so here goes. My wife is a pronounced enemy to cigarettes and is ready at all times to strike a blow at the miserable little 'cotton ball' as she takes delight in calling it. The other day she chanced to meet a small boy serenely smoking one of the little white rolls, and the sight caused her to hold up her hands in horror.
 "Little boy," said she severely, "don't you want to grow up to be a big, strong man?"
 "Yes'm," answered the boy between puffs.
 "Well, you never will if you smoke those nasty things. They will make you dreadfully thin!"
 "Gee!" replied the boy as he looked critically at my wife, who is extremely thin. "Gee, but you must have smoked a lot of them!"

AS TO TAXATION.

"You say stupidity is taxed?"
 "Well, it is the same thing. If you are shrewd you aren't taxed."



ON HIS GUARD.

Little Bobbie (watching his stocking)—If old Santa tries to work any 1907 toys off on me I'll give 'im de grand run.

Could Stand Another.

A commercial traveler tells the following of a little social gathering in eastern Ontario:

"Dinner was a little late. A guest asked the hostess to play something. Seating herself at the piano, the good woman executed a Chopin nocturne with precision. She finished, and there was still an interval of waiting to be bridged. In the grim silence she turned to an old gentleman on her right and said, 'Would you like a sonata before dinner?' He gave a start of surprise and pleasure. 'Why, yes, thanks!' he said. 'I had a couple on my way here, but I think I could stand another.'"

AN EYE-DEAL INVESTMENT.

Smith—Did things take much of a risk when he invested in that spectacle making firm?
 Brown—I think it was something of a speculation.

CRUEL HUSBAND.

"What is a joke without a point, dear?"
 "The kind a woman tells."

CHRISTMAS—AN ANTICIPATION.



Of all the games, both rich and rare,
 There is a game beyond compare,

And that sweet game, I'd have you know,
 Is kissing 'neath the mistletoe.

THE THING TO DO.

"If you woke up suddenly in the night and found yourself in the den of a man eating tiger, what would you do?"
 "I'd promise myself to quit drinking."

BEFORE AND AFTER.

Bones—Before marriage all is bill and con.
 Jones—And what after?
 Bones—Then it's a coup to pay the coal bill.

THAT WOULD FETCH HER.

Though the new woman claims that her mission is "work for the sex's glory," she'd gladly resign her position to list to the old, old story.

FOOLISH FELLOW.

He—What would you do if I were to kiss you?
 She—How singular! I was thinking that very thing.
 Yes, he sat there and kept on wondering.

NOT A HARD WORKER.

"No; I can't give you a job. I've as many hands now as I can find work for."
 "Well, that needn't stand in your way. The little 'd' wouldn't make no difference."

HAD A SMART LAWYER.

"I understand that you had to go to law about that property that was left you. Have you a smart lawyer?"
 "You bet I have. He owns the property now."

A Seasonable Proof.

Dunn—This is the time when the greater is subordinated to the less.
 Gunn—How do you make that out?
 Dunn—Doesn't the Christmas tree owe its importance entirely to the (olive) branches?

The Resolution.

"Do you intend to make any resolutions on New Year's?"
 "No; I'm going to keep the resolution I made last year."

What was that?

"Not to make any more resolutions."

The Motor Craze.

He—Don't you sometimes envy these very wealthy people their enjoyments?
 She—No, I never care for the smell of gasoline.

They Quarrel.

She—You're just hateful.
 He—You're more so.
 She—You're a regular sick.
 He—You're as cross as two.



ON THE SPOT.

George: "You're standing under the mistletoe. Did you know that?"
 Evelyn: "Oh, yes. I thought I ought to make the best excuse I could for your demonstrative attitude."

His First Love.

HE was hiding a box of Christmas toys up in the attic. There was a bear that actually danced, a train of cars made to dash madly around a circular track, an automobile whose chauffeur blew a horn and a grist of other things. In finding a place which the youngster would not happen upon he came to a battered tin relic of his baby days—a much worn tin horse mounted on four shaky wheels. It was his first love. Once it gladdened in all the glory of impossible colors, and as he caressed the bit of string dangling from the tin platform the little steed carried him back to the days when trolley cars and autos and automatic bears that danced were not.

How he had poured out the wealth of a baby's heart on the simple thing! As he grew in years he had forgotten it. It was his mother who placed it at one side and preserved it for the time when he would care to see it again. The days of tin horses are past. The genius of the twentieth century must be relearned in every toy. But as he concealed the box under some old rugs he took care to retain the little tin horse, to be locked up in his desk.

AT LEAST NOT PROFANE.

A deified brunette, by name Pickens, was arrested for stealing some chickens.
 When they asked her to swear, she replied, debonair,
 "I only know 'gauce,' 'darn' and 'dickens.'"

NOT SO WONDERFUL.

"It was certainly a miracle. I barely escaped with my life."
 "Huh! I fail to see anything miraculous about that. Now, if you had escaped without your life, the story would be far more interesting."

THE HINDERED HEALER.

I'd like to help to cure the ills
 The poor old patient world must
 But I've so little time to spare
 And have to pay so many bills.

GIRL-MADE.

"How does a cynic strike you?"
 "I always wonder what the girl was like."



AN OLD SONG.

Time—The night before Christmas.
 "Backward, turn backward, O Time,
 In your flight! Make me a child again,
 Just for tonight!"

SAD STORY.

"Ah, my poor man," said the kind housewife, "is it really true that you once had a position and lost it because you were too tender hearted?"
 "Yes, mum," sighed the tattered wayfarer as he brushed away an imaginary tear. "I was cook in an eating house."

"And—and why did you leave?"
 "Because I didn't have the heart to smother a beefsteak, mum."

AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE.

"Occult science claims that by thought we influence one another across space."
 "Yes, I've tried to hold off my creditors that way, and it didn't work worth a cent."

EVERY LITTLE HELPS.

The little kindnesses we do.
 The words of courage we keep giving,
 Help more than do the deeds of kings
 And all our statesmen's ponderings
 To make life worth the living.

A Wise Woman.

"I claim that my wife is one of the most sensible women on earth."
 "It is always fine for a man to have such an opinion of his better half."
 "Yes, she invariably gets her brother to pick out the cigars she gives me on Christmas."

Her Scheme.

Marion—Grace tells me that she has begun to gather her Christmas mistletoe already.
 Myrtle—Yes. You see, she has to begin early. She has a scheme to cover the ceiling of every room in the house with it.

The Same Old Excuse.

Judge—Don't you know better than to hit a drunken man, officer?
 New Cop—If it please your honor, I didn't know he was loaded.

Natural Instinct.

"Does the little boy take after his mother?"
 "Yes," he takes after her every time he wants a slice of pie."



ACCOMMODATION FOR BOY AND BEAST.

"He certainly seems a bit sad, this horse that Santa Claus sent you. What do you think he wants?"
 "He wants a slice of pie."



OPENING UP FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER.

"I bet I better take off the hats."

FARMER BOWEN HELD UP WHILE SEATED IN BUGGY

Gave Up \$2 Spare Cash, and Highwayman Drove Off After Victim Was Made To Alight From the Vehicle.

One of the boldest holdups in Fresno was committed at 6 o'clock last night, when H. M. Bowen, one of the former lessees of the city sewer farm, was halted by a highwayman on Tulare street, near the point where he was returning in a buggy to his home on the sewer farm. At the point of a revolver, Bowen was forced to give up to the highwayman \$2 in small change, all he had in him, and to alight from the vehicle. After the highwayman had taken the money, he entered the buggy and dashed away with the horse at full speed. Bowen was left standing in the middle of the road. Several hundred dollars in checks were not given up by him nor his watch. After recovery from his amazement, Bowen followed the tracks of the highwayman up the hill, and saw it finally turn into California avenue, presumably in the direction of Fowler. He ran to the home of Dr. Williams, the veterinarian, nearby, and telephoned to the police station and the sheriff's office. Glancing at his watch Bowen noted that it was a few minutes after 6 and that the highwayman had not yet been discovered. Within ten minutes three policemen, in a large automobile, dashed out of the city toward the scene of the hold-up. After conversing with Bowen for a brief time, he was taken into the machine and the car sped on after the highwayman who had made off in Bowen's buggy. It was surmised that the fellow had gone toward Fowler, and the officers turned their attention in this direction. The tracks of the Southern Pacific company were followed as far south as Fowler, but no trace of the wanted man or the horse and buggy were discovered. The surrounding country, both within the city limits and in the adjoining colonies, were searched without result. Every road over which it was thought that the highwayman might have gone was traversed with the auto speeding at its utmost, and frequent inquiries were made, but to no avail. The authorities in the adjoining towns were notified by the local police department. Constables in Selma, Fowler and Madera were told to be on their guard, and a description of the man and of the horse and buggy were given to each. It was thought that the highwayman was a man of about 35 years of age, of medium build, with dark hair, and that he was driving a light-colored automobile. As Bowen drove near the horse which he was driving, a large, dark bay animal, was brought to a halt. As he was almost opposite the man, who was walking in the road, and within touch of the wheels, a stranger, turned suddenly and jerking a large revolver of a steel color, pointed the gun squarely in Bowen's face. At the same time his voice rang out through the crisp atmosphere of the evening: "Hand up! Give me your money!" Confronted by the wicked looking weapon, apparently in the hands of a desperado, Bowen hesitated for a moment, finding him to a standstill with a "whoa."

"All right," replied Bowen, amazed at the boldness and coolness of the highwayman. Reaching into his trouser pocket, Bowen drew out a small bundle of silver, about \$2 in all, and handed it to the man.

"Is that all you've got?" snapped the highwayman, angrily, but with his same aggressiveness, he kept the revolver leveled at Bowen's head.

"Yes, that's all I've got."

"Well, dig up some more."

"I haven't any more," answered Bowen, decisively.

Without a word the highwayman ordered him to alight from the buggy. Bowen was eager to comply with the latest demand, and pulling the robe from his lap started to step out on the left side of the road, the side on which the robber was standing.

"Get out on the other side," demanded the highwayman, and Bowen obeyed immediately. With his revolver still grasped firmly in his right hand, the robber leaped into the vehicle at almost the same moment Bowen alighted on the right side of the road.

Without further ado the highwayman seized the lines, which Bowen had dropped in his haste, and lashing the horse over the back with the buggy whip, dashed away into the darkness at full speed, the animal having started into a gallop at the unexpected sensation of the whip on his back. The horse is a young animal and full of life. The buggy is a top vehicle, yellow painted running gears, with side springs painted the same color.

Bowen informed the police that he could not see the face of the man, as the latter wore a dark slouch hat, pulled far down over his eyes. His trousers were white or light, and presumably were corduroy, while his coat was dark, appearing to Bowen as a black coat, buttoned tight and turned up around his neck to keep out the cold, evening air. He is medium sized, his height being about 5 feet 8 inches. His face is thought to be about 35, although he looked younger. He was smooth shaven.

Bowen stated that after the man had driven along Tulare street toward the city limits, he turned and came back, taking a cutoff, and disappeared over the top of the hill toward Elm avenue, on a line with Railroad avenue running toward Selma. Evidently the highwayman decided to change the direction for his escape. First he alighted as he returned over the crest of a hill facing toward Madera and then started off in a southerly direction.

After running after the buggy to the top of the hill, Bowen was unable to see anything more of the man or horse and buggy, as he returned, walking a quarter of a mile to the home of Dr. Williams, where he informed the police and Sheriff Chittenden of the holdup.

The fact that the highwayman did not secure more than the \$2 is due to the presence of mind of Bowen. In one of his inside pockets were several checks, to the value of \$200 or \$300. A gold watch in his pocket was also alighted for no further attempt was made to find out whether Bowen was telling him the truth or not.

Bowen was unarmed, or else he says the holdup would have had another ending. He has no fear of jumping out of the buggy with such alacrity, although he was in hope of grappling with the highwayman for the pistol. The robber frustrated this design by making Bowen to alight from the side of the vehicle.

Bowen says that for a little distance after whipping up the horse, he came up to and immediately be-

VALLEY SAVINGS STOCK HOLDERS

Apparent Recall of the Meeting Tomorrow. It Will Be Held Though to Consider Concerted Action on Subscriptions.

Editor Republican—Several days ago the following notice was inserted in your paper, at the instance of some of the interested described in it, whom I represent:

"The subscribers to the capital stock of the Valley Savings Bank will hold a meeting in Judge Smith's court room at 2 p. m. Thursday, December 10th, 1908, to take action in regard to the call on stock of the bank. A full attendance is expected."

The day of the week given in this notice should have been Tuesday instead of Thursday.

Subsequently there appeared in the same column with the above notice, the following:

Notice.

"Notice is hereby given that there will be no meeting of the stockholders of the Valley Savings Bank at Judge Smith's court room on December 10, 1908. Any notice of such meeting has been issued through error and without authority."

Notice will be mailed to each stockholder, personally, at least ten days before meeting.

"VALLEY SAVINGS BANK OF FRESNO."

"By R. A. Fassett, President."

The obvious intent of the latter notice is to prevent attendance at the meeting announced in the first. Such casual reading as is usually given to notices of the kind would lead to the impression that the latter was a denial of the meeting announced in the first. In explanation, I would say that the bank officials only recognize as "stockholders" those who bought promotion stock from the promoters of the bank, paying them the par value. Not one dollar of this money ever went into the bank.

Those who are regarded as "subscribers" merely, and for whom the notice is intended, paid ten per cent on their subscriptions, and have the melancholy satisfaction of knowing that a small per cent of what they paid in did, at least in most instances, go into the capital of the institution.

A call for an additional ten per cent has been made on these, and it is to consider some concerted action in relation to this call, that the meeting is to be held.

Very respectfully,
S. L. STROTHER.
Fresno, Cal., December 13, 1908.

SHOT HIMSELF IN HEAD WITH BULLDOG REVOLVER

Fritz Moosbrugger Was a Russian Army Officer With a Romantic Family History.

Despondent because of financial stringencies, Fritz Moosbrugger, a native of Russia, formerly employed as a bartender in the Bodega saloon, suicidally shot himself through the head last night in the rear of the Louvre saloon on K street. One man in the saloon heard the shot, but paid no attention to it, and it was several minutes before the suicide was discovered. A waiter coming from the alley found him in a pool of blood. The waiter rushed into the saloon thinking Moosbrugger had been hurt in some accidental manner and informed Henry Johannsen of the tragedy. Johannsen telephoned for Dr. Howell and later Dr. Burks took charge of the case.

Moosbrugger had been sitting at a table in the arbor in the rear of the saloon. He had not been there long because only shortly before he had come into the saloon and spoken to the proprietor of the cigar store there. He appeared at that time to be in a cheerful mood and no one dreamed of the tragedy which was to follow.

After greeting the cigar man, Moosbrugger passed through the saloon and seated himself on a bench in the arbor. A few minutes before he had fired the shot, another waiter passing through, saw him sitting at the table with his head resting in his hands.

The shot from a .38-caliber bulldog pistol, entered the skull just behind the right temple and emerged just in front of the left temple. Upon examination, Dr. Burks stated that the fore part of the brain had been pierced. Apparently the man had sat at the table a moment or so before the muscles relaxed, for there was a great pool of blood just underneath the table and the gun was lying right by the pool. When he fell he turned to the right and lay with his head on a board walk which runs from the back door of the saloon to the alley.

Dr. Burks bound the wound as best he could on the spot and then sent for an ambulance, removing the man to the emergency hospital at the city hall a short time later. Unconscious from the very moment after firing the shot, Moosbrugger seemed dead to part with life. Being possessed with an exceedingly strong constitution, he fought valiantly with death for hours. At times he seemed about to pass away and then he would revive and after a short struggle, resume an even although much labored breathing.

Moosbrugger was operated on a few days ago for throat trouble and had a tube inserted in the throat through which he might breathe. This in a measure prolonged life, for it did not close as the natural windpipe would have done.

That death was not unpremeditated is gained from statements which he is supposed to have made to various men about town. He told one man on Friday that he would kill himself one of these days and a short time before that he told another man that something might happen soon.

According to some who were very intimate with him, he was exceedingly despondent because he had lost his employment with the Bodega saloon. It appears that he had been promised another position with Kuehler Bros., but this did not seem to detract in the least from the worry which attended him wherever he went. He has a wife and a baby daughter and it was the thought that he could not support them that prompted him to take his life.

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If there is one troublesome tooth in a child's mouth it will rob the child of half the pleasure your indulgence is calculated to bestow. So before you waste time and money in selecting presents and the like, see that the children's teeth are not going to hamper the enjoyment of these things.

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OPTICIANS
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Charles Porter, former business manager of the Fresno High school Owl and for a time connected with the circulation department of the Republican, departed yesterday afternoon for Visalia, where he will be in the employ of the Tulare County Land company.

Y. M. C. A. memberships make valuable Christmas presents. Last year, Y. M. C. A. memberships last a year.

Christmas toys last a year. Y. M. C. A. memberships last a year.

A. J. Peterson, piano tuner, Main 1995.

ELKS' GRAND LODGE PLANS ANNOUNCED

Great Events in Los Angeles City Promised for the Week in July

Next.

Official plans for the grand lodge of Elks to be held in Los Angeles next July were promulgated at the banquet tendered visiting and resident members of the order by the Hotel Alexandria last Friday night in the southern city.

The Elks are due to arrive in Los Angeles July 10 and 11, and will be met at the depot by marching clubs and escorted to their hotels. July 12 they will be shown the city in 1,000 automobiles.

The grand lodge will be opened in the Auditorium July 13, and that night there will be a great theater party for which the theater of the city will be bought out for Elks.

The grand lodge session will be continued July 14, with a trip to Long Beach and a theater party at night as additional attractions.

On July 15 the grand lodge will be continued, with the addition of an Elks' parade and athletic games.

A midsummer floral and allegorical festival, including an "electric circus parade" and fireworks, will be the amusement for July 16.

The following day, July 17, will be Catalina day and there also will be a barbecue and a program of athletic contests at Arcadia.

Rush L. Holland, grand exalted ruler, and other officers of the grand lodge left for their homes on Saturday.

NAT GOODWIN PLAY AT NOVELTY THEATER

Pretty Alta Phipps in the Role that Maxine Elliott Played in the Original.

Tonight the Alta Phipps company at the Novelty theater will offer at popular prices Nat Goodwin's great play, "When We Were Twenty-one," and it promises a production above the average.

Miss Phipps will be in the role of Phyllis, a part that Miss Maxine Elliott played with success, while Mr. Cripps will be cast as Richard "Craw," the part that Nat Goodwin created. Miss Melrose will be cast this week as the "Fire Fly" and the others of the cast will be seen to advantage. Mr. Marshall, the scenic artist, also promises something good in the way of scenery.

This is one of the great successes throughout the East and the fact that Mr. Goodwin used this play for three years is a recommendation as to its quality.

INVITING BISHOP BELL TO COME HERE

A meeting of the Ministerial Union will be held this morning at ten o'clock. The matter of most moment will be in connection with a coming visit of Bishop Bell of San Francisco, in January. He will deliver a series of lectures in this city and Sunday school institute will be held at the same time. It was determined at a previous meeting to have the bishop come, and a committee was appointed to arrange matters. This committee will report today.

MEETING CALLED OF OIL MEN

Oil men of Coalinga and other districts have been called to meet at Webb hall in Coalinga next Saturday, to discuss the oil situation and especially legislation that may be necessary for the furthering of the oil interests of California. Invitations have been sent by Assemblyman Odum to senators and assemblymen and so far the following have expressed a desire to meet the oil men: Senators Cartwright and Miller, and Assemblymen Drew, Irwin, Webber, Fleisher and Wyllie.

BEE MEN TO HOLD INSTITUTE HERE

Three Sessions Will Be Held This Week in the Rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

The beekeepers of Central California have united to hold a distinctly apicultural institute in this city on December 16 and 17. The meetings to be held in the chamber of commerce building and the program to be the following:

Wednesday Afternoon Session, 1:30—Call to order and opening remarks, Ralph Benton of the State University, Berkeley. The Bee Disease Situation in California, Mr. Benton. Bee Diseases in the San Joaquin Valley, J. T. Dunn, Fresno; Fred M. Hart, Hanford, and other county inspectors of apiaries. Evening Session 5:30—Question Box Discussion, What the University is Doing for Apiculture, Mr. Benton. Thursday Morning Session, 9:00—Varieties of Bees and Their Relative Merits, Mr. Benton. Queen Rearing for the Honey Producer, Mr. Dunn. Question Box Discussion, Mr. Benton and others. An Effective State Organization, Mr. Benton.

KINGS COUNTY "DRY" AFTER NEW YEAR

Kings county outside of the towns will be "dry" on and after the new year. The supervisors passed before adjourning on Friday last ordinance 75, correcting ordinance 74 for the closing of saloons of the county outside of the municipalities. No. 74 provides that the saloons shall close on December 31, 1908, but failed to specify that the saloons and dealers in liquor referred to were those outside of the municipalities, describing them only as being in Kings county. By correcting this error at this session the time is sufficient that the necessary notification can be given. The date of the closing of the outside saloons will be the same.

BLIZZARD PREVENTED JOURNEY TO HUME

Last Wednesday morning R. H. Gallagher, the stage road man, left Hanger for Hume to go over the new road, before sending his mail wagon through. He expected to drive the first wagon of the new town, but when he arrived at the snow line he encountered a blizzard that he turned back under the impression that it was unsafe to proceed over a slippery new road under those conditions.

COALINGA TO HAVE NEW MINISTER

The Presbyterian church of Coalinga has engaged Rev. Collander of Oakland as minister and he will arrive in Coalinga some time this week. He has been engaged in the ministry for ten years and was given in missionary work in India. His first sermon in the new church will probably be delivered about the 20th of the month.

FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL THE 26TH

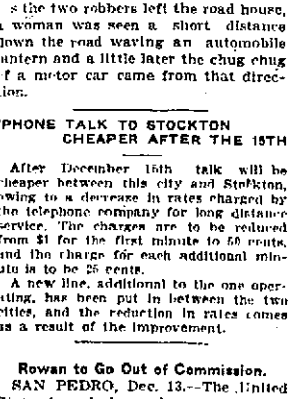
The annual meeting of the Fresno Agricultural Fair association which was called for yesterday was postponed until the 26th. At that time, a new board of directors will be chosen, and such other business as may come up will be considered by the stockholders. The latter are expected to be present, as this is the only meeting of its character through the year. It is understood that no plans have yet been made in regard to the personnel of the new board of directors.

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ADDRESSED Y. M. C. A. MEETING

A Business Man from Oakland Presented an Old Axiom in a New Light.



O. E. Hottel, Who Addressed Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

O. E. Hottel, a business man of Oakland, addressed the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon. A good sized audience of men heard him speak on "The Young Man and His Looking Glass" and every one enjoyed him. He is a pleasing speaker and who keeps his audience interested every minute. "The Young Man and His Looking Glass" was only a new way of putting the axiom "Young man, know thyself." Mr. Hottel emphasized strongly the necessity of every man examining himself carefully not only as to his personal appearance but as to his moral conduct, business integrity, religious belief and many other respects.

The meeting was an especially attractive one in that the musical program was first class as well as the address. The mandolin club played several excellent selections and Mr. Berry sang "Face to Face" in splendid voice.

Mr. Hottel will be the guest and speaker at the Men's League of the Presbyterian church this evening.

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